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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 5-8, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.